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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH NEW SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO THE EC

1. SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO THE EC BASSOLS IN INITIAL CALL ON ME INDICATED:

1) SPAIN WILL FORMALLY SEEK EC MEMBERSHIP TOWARD MIDDLE THIS YEAR, ASSUMING - DESPITE CURRENT EXTREMIST PROVOCATIONS-THAT PROGRAM TO RESTABLISH DEMOCRATIC REGIME AND HOLD PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS SUCCEEDS. HE THOUGHT APPLICATION WOULD BE ACCEPTED FOR POLITICAL REASONS, BUT THAT DIFFICULT INSTITUTIONAL, FINANCIAL, TRADE, AGRICULTURAL, AND OTHER ISSUES INVOLVING APPLICATION SOME 50,000 PAGES OF EUROPEAN LEGISLATION TO SPAIN WOULD TAKE YEARS TO NEGOTIATE. WITH LUCH HE THOUGHT ENTRY COULD BE ACHIEVED IN 1981 OR 1982. NORMAL TRANSITION PERIOD WOULD FOLLOW.

2) ONCE EC GOVERNMENTS HAD AGREED TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR SPANISH ENTRY INTO COMMUNITY WAY WOULD BE OPEN FOR NATO MEMBERSHIP WHICH IN FACT WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED DURING EC NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

3) HE IS REASONABLY OPTIMISTIC THAT SPAIN AND EC WILL FIND SOLUTION TO PROBLEM OF ADAPTING SPAIN'S AGREEMENT WITH EC SIX TO CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES OF NINE MEMBER COMMUNITY. HE SAID SEARCH FOR "EQUILIBRIUM" BETWEEN SPANISH NEED FOR

FURTHER AGRICULTURAL CONCESSIONS AND EC INSISTENCE ON SPANISH INDUSTRIAL CONCESSIONS IS ACTIVELY UNDERWAY. BEST REASON FOR OPTIMISM HE INDICATES IS THAT UNPLEASANT CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO AGREE BY JULY 1, 1977 (EXPIRATION DATE FOR PRESENT TRADING ARRANGEMENTS WITH UK) ARE EVIDENT TO ALL. HINTON

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